

MUNICIPAL FLOOD CONTROL GRANT PROGRAM

Authorization: s. 281.665, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 199, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: In 2005-2007 fiscal year:

\$2,350,000 for Acquisition & Development grants

\$1,399,000 for Local Assistance Grant (administrative support)

Objective: Help local governments minimize flooding and flood-related damages by:

- Acquiring property & removing buildings in the flood-way and floodplain for open-space floodwater flowage to the water body.
- Acquiring vacant land and flowage easements in the flood-way or floodplain for open-space floodwater flowage to the water body.
- Flood-proofing and flood elevation of structures in the 100 year floodplain (public & private).
- Creating open-space flood storage areas by constructing flood control detention structures.
- Restoring the flood-carrying capacity and natural and beneficial functions of watercourses.

Eligibility: Cities, villages, towns, and metropolitan sewerage districts

Level of Assistance: 70% of total eligible costs as indicated within the grant agreement. Maximum allowed per applicant: \$800,000 maximum per one city, town, village, or metropolitan sewerage district.

Priorities: Projects are ranked 1 (high) through 9 (low) based on the following criteria:

1. Acquisition and removal of structures, which due to zoning restrictions can not be rebuilt or repaired.
2. Acquisition and removal of structures in the 100-year floodplain.
3. Acquisition and removal of repetitive-loss or substantially damaged structures.
4. Acquisition and removal of other flood-damaged structures.
5. Floodproofing and elevation of structures.
6. Riparian restoration projects including removal of dams and other artificial obstructions, restoration of fish and native plant habitat, and erosion control and streambank restoration projects.
7. Acquisition of vacant land or perpetual conservation or flowage easements to provide additional flood storage or to facilitate natural or more efficient flood flows.
8. Construction of structures for the collection, detention, retention, storage, and transmission of stormwater and groundwater for flood control and riparian restoration projects.
9. Preparation of flood insurance studies and other flood mapping projects.

Eligible Types of Projects: See priorities above.

Applications: The third round of applications were distributed to eligible applicants on November 15, 2004. Deadline to return completed applications is April 15, 2005. Successful applicants will be notified in December 2005 for the grant period of January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2007.

History: The first round of “grant awards” were issued in April 2002 to 16 selected property acquisition & building removal projects. The second round of “grant awards” were issued January 1, 2004 to:

- 2 flood-proofing & elevation of structures in the 100 year floodplain projects
- 3 vacant land acquisitions with construction of flood control detention structures
- 1 flood control detention structure on city pre-owned land
- 1 property acquisition with removal of building.

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